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OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING ACTION BY THE CONFEPENCE OF THE PARTIES: DESIGNATION OF A PERMANENT SECRETARIAT AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR ITS FUNCTIONING: HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF GERMANY

Headquarters agreement

Indonesia* draft decision

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision 5/COP.1 on the physical location of the Convention secretariat,

Having considered the note by the secretariat on the headquarters agreement with the Government of Germany, 1/

1. Adopts, subject to ratification by the relevant authorities in Germany, the headquarters agreement between the United Nations, the Convention secretariat and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany signed on 18 August 1998 in Bonn; 2/

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

1/ ICCD/COP(2)/8 and Corr.1 and Add.1-2.

2/ ICCD/COP(2)/8/Add.1.

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2. Requests the Executive Secretary to complete any necessary formalities on behalf of the Conference of the Parties with the Government of Germany and the United Nations to bring the agreement into force, as soon as possible;

3. Expresses its appreciation to the Government of Germany for its commitment to facilitating the resettlement of the secretariat staff in Bonn in attractive conditions, and expresses the hope that the headquarters agreement can enter into force in time for the Convention secretariat to start operating in its new location on 1 January 1999;

4. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to set up a trust fund managed by the Executive Secretary of the Convention to receive the contributions of Germany for events and activities related to the field of competence of the Convention, organized by the secretariat.